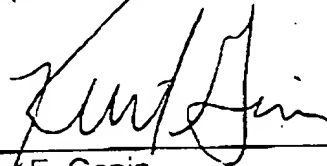


This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application serial no. 60/209,070 filed June 2, 2000 and provisional application serial no. 60/277,408 filed March 19, 2001; and this application is a continuation-in-part of each of the following non-provisional U.S. patent applications: application serial no. 09/661,222 entitled NETWORK DISTRIBUTED TRACKING WIRE TRANSFER PROTOCOL, filed on September 13, 2000; application serial no. 09/503,441 entitled AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR IMAGE ARCHIVING, filed February 14, 2000; application serial no. 09/367,461 entitled AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR IMAGING ARCHIVING, filed August 13, 1999; and application serial no. 09/111,896 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AND RETRIEVING DATA BASED ON GLOBAL INDICES, filed on July 8, 1998, wherein the entirety of each of these provisional and non-provisional applications is incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Specification to restate its original claim of priority in a single, continuous sentence. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner verify that the priority claim properly includes the cited two provisional applications and four non-provisional applications originally identified. No new matter has been added with this amendment. Applicants note that both the original six priority claims, and the enclosed amendments to those priority claims are timely submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a marked-up copy of the amended portion of the specification is attached at Appendix A. Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

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